
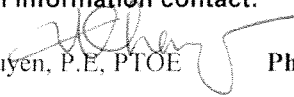
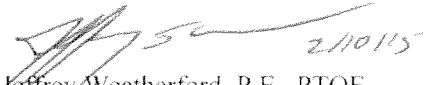


TO: Mayor via City Secretary

## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

<b>SUBJECT:</b> City of Houston school speed zone ordinance amendment.		<b>Category #</b>	<b>Page</b> 1 of <u>1</u>	<b>Agenda Item #</b> <u>31</u>
<b>FROM (Traffic Operations):</b>  Department of Public Works and Engineering		<b>Origination Date</b>		<b>Agenda Date</b> <u>2-23-15</u>
<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b>  Dale A. Rudick, P.E.		<b>Council District affected:</b>  All Districts		
<b>For additional information contact:</b>  Khang M. Nguyen, P.E., PTOE  <b>Phone:</b> (832) 395-3008		<b>Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:</b>  Ordinance #2014-84; dated February 4, 2014		
<b>RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)</b> Approve and adopt Ordinance amendment to the City of Houston school speed zone ordinance.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding:</b> N/A				
<b>SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:</b> Houston City Council adopts the City's School Speed Zone Ordinance on a periodic basis to establish the limits and directions for school speed zones throughout the City. This ordinance was recently adopted on February 4, 2014 (Ordinance #2014-84). Attached is a listing of those changes requested by the Department of Public Works and Engineering. Changes have become necessary due to the opening, relocation or closing of schools. These amendments are included in Tables 1 and 2. A full listing of all school speed zones, including all changes, is contained in Table 3 and is recommended for adoption.  Table 1 lists new School Speed Zones which have been installed: New school speed zones represent school openings or relocations due to new construction or rebuild or existing school facilities: (Diversity, Roots and Wings, Girls & Boys Preparatory Academy, Herod, The Joy School, Kingwood Middle, The Kipling School, MacGregor, Queens Intermediate, Sugar Grove, United Orthodox Goldberg Montessori School, Yeshiva Torat Emet School)  Table 2 lists all School Speed Zones that are recommended for removal due to school closing or school boundary adjustments: (Atherton, Big Little School, Brookline, Crawford, Dodson, Grimes, Jefferson, Lakewood, Lewis, Lockhart, Parker, Rhoads, W.E. Rogers, Stevenson Elementary)  Table 3 represents a full listing of all school speed zones with the recommended changes.  It is recommended that City Council approve the School Speed Zones – 20 MPH dated February 2015  Attachment(s)  xc: Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E., PTOE, Khang M. Nguyen, P.E., PTOE				
LTS No. 13709		REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION		CUIC ID #20JSW102
<b>Finance Director:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>  Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E., PTOE Deputy Director Traffic Operations Division		

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2015- 187

**AN ORDINANCE ALTERING MAXIMUM PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS IN CERTAIN SCHOOL ZONES IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; DECLARING CERTAIN CONDUCT TO BE UNLAWFUL AND PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CONTAINING A REPEALER; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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**WHEREAS**, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has determined that the maximum speed limits set forth in the zones hereinafter indicated are reasonable and safe; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That the findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance is determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as a part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** That the table attached hereto, consisting of 55 sequentially numbered pages, each entitled "**City of Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering Traffic Operations Division School Speed Zones-20 MPH,**" dated January 28, 2015, is hereby incorporated by reference into this Ordinance for all purposes as Exhibit A.

**Section 3.** That the maximum prima facie speed limits in the zones set out in Exhibit A are hereby altered, and a speed of 20 miles per hour is hereby established as the maximum prima facie speed limit in each such zone during the times established as provided in Section 5 below. Any speed in excess of such speed limits upon the streets, highways and other thoroughfares so designated and within such respective zones at the times so established shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is no

reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful. No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of that which is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing.

**Section 4.** That the speed limits established herein are applicable within the limits of the zones stated on each street, highway, or other thoroughfare and in the direction(s) of travel indicated for each zone.

**Section 5.** That the foregoing speed limits shall be effective in said respective zones at the times established by the City's Traffic Engineer. The Traffic Engineer shall either post appropriate signs stating the effective hours or utilize a flashing beacon/sign system and cause the beacons to be activated during the effective hours.

**Section 6.** That every person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$200.00.

**Section 7.** That, if any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness or invalidity of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

**Section 8.** That Ordinance No. 2014-84 is hereby repealed, provided that it is saved from repeal for the limited purpose of the trial and punishment of all violations arising thereunder as provided in Section 1-5 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas.


**Section 9.** That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

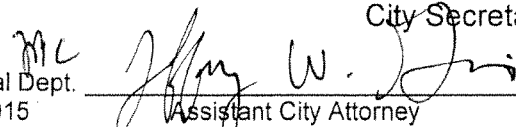
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is MAR - 3 2015

  
City Secretary

Prepared by Legal Dept. 

JWG:jmb 2/18/2015

Assistant City Attorney

Requested by Khang M. Nguyen, P.E., PTOE, Assistant Director, Traffic Operations Division, Public Works and Engineering Department

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✓		DAVIS
✓		COHEN
✓		BOYKINS
✓		MARTIN
✓		NGUYEN
	ABSENT	PENNINGTON
✓		GONZALEZ
✓		GALLEGO
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